

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office action, restriction to either of the following inventions is required under 35 USC § 121:

Group I, Claims 1-17 and 28-29, drawn to a combustor with film cooling and Group III, Claims 30-33, drawn to a method of combustion including film cooling; or

Group II, Claims 18-27, drawn to a can combustor.

**Election/Restrictions**

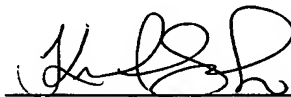
Pursuant to Examiner's recommendation to elect either inventions I and III together or invention II alone, applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-17, 28, and 29, together with Group III, claims 30 and 31, without prejudice to further prosecution of the remaining claims.

Applicants hereby further elect the species of Figure 2A. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-17, and 28-31 are readable on Figure 2A.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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